Occupation of Kalpana Buildings, Bombay by MTNL

3348. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the owners of "Kalpana Building", 33rd Road, Khar, Bombay being occupied illegally by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited have appealed for vacation of said premises;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the lease-agreement between the MTNL and Owners has expired, and the residential building is being used for storing inflamable and explosive material; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to vacate the premises?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir, the building was occupied by erstwhile Bombay Telephone after entering into proper agreement with the owners. However, the landlords have been pressing for the vacation of the said premises.

(b) Although the lease agreement has expired, MTNL is continuing to occpy the premises as statutory tenants in accordance with the legal opinion. No inflamable or explosive materials are being stored in the biulding.

(c) Question does not arise.

Misuse of Telephone connections in Delhi

3349. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that malpractices are going on in Delhi under Telephone Exchange 229 in matters relating to shifting and misuse of telephone connections;

(b) the number of shifting cases pending within thin exchange with the dates and telephone numbers thereof and the reasons for not their shifting so far;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made into the complaints of so, the action taken thereon; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Junior Engineer of this area has not accepted his promotion as Assistant Engineer, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) 213 shifting cases (including local shift) are pending in Shahdara exchange area including proposed Yamuna Vihar RLU exchange area due to:—

(i) Non-availability of underground cable pairs in some pockets; and

(ii) Non-availability of exchange capacity.

Details are being colleteed and will be separately placed on the Table of the House.

(c) Yes, Sir. A total of 19 complaints regarding misuse and delay in execution were received from January 1991 onwards and were investigated. In 4 cases irregularities were noticed, for which disciplinary action against 3 JTOs and one Record Supervisor is under process.

(d) No, Sir. One of the 8 JTOs in the area was promoted on adhoc basis, but was not released as his presence was required to implement the time bound programme of providing telephone connections in the area.

Promotion of SC/ST employees under 'Biennial Cadre Review' Scheme

3350. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether reservation/relaxation has been provided for SC/ST employees of Group C and D for promotions under